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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998

The Senate met at 8:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious God, we begin this day by making the psalmist's prayer our moment by moment petition. "Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God."—Psalm 143:10. Remind us that discovering and doing Your will is not like flying on automatic pilot where we turn on the flight plan and forget about it. Instead, it is a sensitive, attentive relationship with You in which You communicate Your guidance to receptive minds each step of the way. You lead us when we concentrate all our desires on clearly knowing what is Your will for us. Our yearning to know Your will drives us back into deeper fellowship with You. We want to be spiritually fit so that no debilitating memory, broken relationship, or unforgiven hurt would render us incapable of receiving Your guidance.

Bless the Senators as they seek Your best for America in vital issues and in minute details lest real concerns are trivialized and minutia becomes momentous. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able acting majority leader, the distinguished Senator from New Mexico, is recognized.

Mr. DOMENICI. I thank the Chair.
Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield for a unanimous consent request?
Mr. DOMENICI. Yes.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR— S. CON. RES. 86

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that congressional fellow Scott Conroy be given floor privileges during the pendency of action on the budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DOMENICI addressed the Chair.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Mexico.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, the budget resolution, with the time until 9 a.m. equally divided on the Bumpers amendment relating to mines. At 9 a.m., by previous agreement, the Senate will proceed to a series of seven consecutive rollcall votes. The first two are in relation to two judicial nominations, the nominations of G. Patrick Murphy to be a U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Illinois and Michael P. McCuskey, of Illinois, to be U.S. district judge for the Central District of Illinois. The remaining five votes are on or in relationship to amendment No. 2218, Senator DORGAN's amendment relating to the Tax Code; amendment No. 2170, an Allard amendment regarding

Federal debt; amendment No. 2195, a Lautenberg amendment on environmental programs; amendment No. 2213, a Bond amendment on housing; and then amendment No. 2228, a Bumpers amendment relating to mines.

It is hoped that during all of these votes Senators will contact the managers to inquire as to if their respective amendments may be accepted or if they require a vote on their amendment or perhaps indicate that they have decided to withdraw their amendment.

It is the intention of the majority leader to complete action on this measure as soon as possible. We ask all Senators to cooperate in that regard. Senators should be aware that today will be a busy schedule. Rollcall votes will be occurring throughout the day and into the evening, as necessary. In addition, Members are reminded that all consecutive rollcall votes are limited to 10 minutes in length. All Members' cooperation is requested with reference to the timely manner of the disposition of each vote.

As a reminder to all Members, the first rollcall vote will occur at 9 a.m. this morning.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 86, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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